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### **Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Meeting Summary**

April 24, 2014 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

MassDEP, One Winter Street, Boston, MA

#### **Introductions and MassDEP Updates**

John Fischer of MassDEP provided several updates:

**2013 Waste Characterization Studies:** These studies are conducted by six municipal waste combustors under the Class II Recycling program requirements. The studies for both 2010 and 2013 are posted on the MassDEP web site. MassDEP is preparing a combined statewide analysis for the 2013 study reports, which will be posted later this spring. The 2013 studies are based on sampling conducted in spring (April – June) and summer (July – September), whereas the 2010 studies were based on sampling conducted in winter (January – March) and fall (October – December).

**Recycling Loan Fund:** MassDEP has added \$750,000 in funding to the Recycling Loan Fund to support increased loans. This additional principal is available for any eligible activity, but is intended specifically to be able to meet growing demand for organics related loans for facilities or haulers. For more information see the [Recycling Loan Fund web site](#).

**Sustainable Materials Recovery Program and New Recycling Dividends Program:** Brooke Nash of MassDEP provided a presentation on MassDEP's Sustainable Materials Recovery Program and Recycling Dividends Program, which is posted with the meeting summary.

#### **Facility Certifications and Regulation Reform Implementation**

Paul Emond of MassDEP presented on the schedule for implementing solid waste regulation reform regulations and John Fischer of MassDEP presented on third party waste ban inspection requirements. Both presentations are posted along with the meeting summary.

### **Organics Subcommittee Update**

John Fischer provided an update on Organics Subcommittee discussions and implementation of the commercial organics waste ban with particular focus on education and outreach efforts. Please see MassDEP's [Organics Communication and Outreach Plan](#) for more information.

### **Final Waste Ban Guidance Document for Solid Waste Facilities**

John Fischer of MassDEP gave a presentation on the waste ban guidance document for solid waste facilities. This presentation is posted with this meeting summary. The guidance document is available [here](#).

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 16, 2014 at MassDEP's Boston office.